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FM AMEMBASSY MANILA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 9537

INFO GOVERNOR OF GUAM

AMCONSUL HONG KONG

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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: PHILIPPINE AIRLINES FUEL PROBLEM

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1. PAL EXECUTIVE HAS INFORMED EMBASSY OF SERIOUS PROBLEM PAL ENCOUNTERING AT GUAM BECAUSE OF SEVERELY REDUCED AVAILABILITY OF AVIATION FUEL. WE UNDERSTAND PAL ALSO LIKELY TO FACE SHARP CUTBACK IN AVAILABILITY OF BONDED FUEL IN HONOLULU AND SAN FRANCISCO AS WELL AS HONG KONG AND TAIPEI. WE EXPECT PAL TO APPEAL TO US OFFICE OF PETROLEUM ALLOCATION FOR SPECIAL HARDSHIP CONSIDERATION IN ORDER OBTAIN FAIR SHARE OF US JET FUEL RESOURCES.

2. PAL'S DIFFICULTIES IN GUAM STEM FROM LACK OF HISTORICAL BASIS FOR FUEL ALLOCATION. REFUELING STOP SHIFTED FROM WAKE TO GUAM IN MAY 1973, AND INCREASING USE OF STRETCH DC 8-63 AIRCRAFT WHICH ARE NOW FULLY LOADED WITH HOMECOMING FILIPINO TRAVELLERS HAS STEPPED

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UP REFUELING REQUIREMENTS. PAL'S PRESIDENT TODA

STATES AIRLINE HAS BEEN CUT TWO-THIRDS BELOW PRESENT REQUIREMENTS FOR GUAM REFUELING.

3. DETAILED INFORMATION NOT AVAILABLE ON PAL'S BONDED FUEL PROBLEM AT HONOLULU AND SAN FRANCISCO, BUT WE ASSUME PAL HAS SUBMITTED DETAILED INFORMATION REQUESTED BY US CAB REGARDING QUANTITIES OF FUEL LOADED IN US IN 1972/73 AND SUPPLIES IT CAN COUNT ON FOR REST OF 1973 (REFTEL). WE UNDERSTAND PROBLEM LIKELY BECOME ACUTE DURING JANUARY 1974 AND ASSUME THAT CARRIERS WILL BE REQUESTED TO REPORT FUEL AVAILABILITIES FOR JANUARY AS WELL. PAL EXPECTD TO SEEK DOMESTIC SUPPLIES TO REPLACE REDUCED BONDED STOCKS.

4. PANAM MANAGER MACKENZIE HAS BEEN DISCUSSING WITH PAL EXECUTIVES POSSIBLE UTILIZATION OF PANAM EQUIPMENT UNDER WET LEASE OR OTHER ARRANGEMENT TO HELP MOVE HEAVY FILIPINO HOMECOMING TRAFFIC WITHIN REDUCED ALLOCATIONS, BUT NO DECISION YET REACHED ON SPECIFIC ACTIONS. BECAUSE OF PANAM'S LARGE LIFTINGS DURING JANUARY-OCTOBER 1973, HISTORICAL BASE ON WHICH GOP-ORDERED 30 PERCENT CUT IS CALCULATED, PANAM CURRENTLY ABLE TO LIVE WITHIN REDUCED FUEL ALLOCATION AT MANILA, EVEN COVERING SEVEN CHARTER FLIGHTS.

5. WILL KEEP THE DEPARTMENT ADVISED OF DEVELOPING FUEL SITUATION.
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